

REMARKS

Pending Claims

Claims 8 and 44-59 are pending in the present application. Claims 44, 47, 49, 58 and 59 have been withdrawn from consideration by the Examiner. Claims 8, 45-46, 48 and 50-57 are presently being examined on the merits.

Amendment

Applicants request entry of the amendment to claim 48. The amendment to claim 48 addresses an informality noted by the Examiner and, thus, should be entered (see the Office Action of January 29, 2003 at page 2, paragraph 6). It is noted, however, that the Examiner's objection to claim 48 as not further limiting claim 46 is in error. That is, the antibodies recited by claims 8 and 46 encompass labeled and unlabeled antibodies. As support, note for example the Specification at page 39, lines 1-4. Moreover, it is requested that the Examiner's request to revise claim 8 to remove non-elected SEQ ID NO:3 be held in abeyance until such time as there is an indication of allowable subject matter.

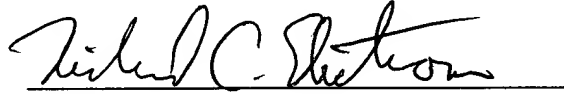
If the Examiner contemplates other action, or if a telephone conference would expedite allowance of the claims, Applicants invite the Examiner to contact the undersigned at (650) 621-8581.

Applicants believe that no fee is due with this communication. However, if the USPTO determines that a fee is due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 09-0108.

Respectfully submitted,

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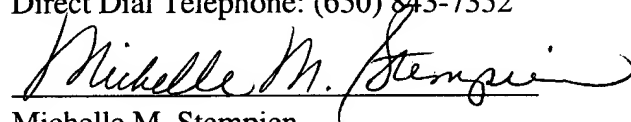


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